IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/656,218 Confirmation No. 1060

Applicant : Ernst Peter Strecker

Title : ENDOPROSTHESIS THAT CAN BE PERCUTANEOUSLY

IMPLANTED IN THE PATIENT'S BODY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the non-final Rejection of May 7, 2007, for which a response is due on or before November 7, 2007 with a three month extension of time, which is hereby petitioned, Applicants submit the following response and respectfully request reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.